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Mr. Ferriter, P.E.  
Atlantic Richfield Company  
317 Anaconda Road  
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**SUBJECT: Proposed sampling of selected domestic drinking water wells in the vicinity of the Yerington Mine**

Dear Mr. Ferriter:

The Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP) has had recent discussions with Project managers representing the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), United States Department of Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM), and Atlantic Richfield Company (ARC). This correspondence is being conveyed to document those discussions.

All parties agree that further sampling of select domestic wells in the vicinity of the Yerington Mine should be conducted as soon as possible. It was also agreed that Total Uranium, Radium 226 and Radium 228 should be added to the existing analyte list. The wells to be sampled and the analyte list have previously been approved by the Regulatory Agencies. The purpose of this sampling is to determine if Uranium, Radium and other naturally occurring constituents exist in these wells at concentrations that may be hazardous to human health and to address recent public concerns.

Accordingly, Atlantic Richfield has indicated that you will conduct the next quarterly sampling in December, 2003. Please provide the sampling results to this office for distribution to interested parties. This information must be received not later than January 16, 2003.

Should you have any questions or if I can be of any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me at (775) 687-9376 or FAX (775) 687-6396. All future correspondence regarding this subject should be addressed to the undersigned.

Sincerely,



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